

DOCKET NO.

**In the Matter of — IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR
APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH
DEVIATIONS WITH SOUTH DAKOTA
STATE UNIVERSITY**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

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Section No. 4
6th Revised Sheet No. 1
Canceling 5th Revised Sheet No. 1

Contracts With Deviations

1. Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company
2. Big Stone Cheese (FRIGO)
3. South Dakota Soybean Processors
4. Dakota Ethanol – Lake Area Corn Processors
5. SDSU

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ELECTRIC

**EL02-014 In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of a
Contract with Deviations with the City of Bushnell.**

Otter Tail Power Company has filed for approval a Municipal Contract with the City of Bushnell and a Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. The Municipal Contract for the City of Bushnell was updated because the old Contract will expire on October 1, 2002. The new Contract does not include any new rates that would be considered a deviation.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 07/29/02
Intervention Deadline: 08/16/02

NATURAL GAS

**NG02-004 In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a
Contract with Deviations with South Dakota State University.**

Application by NorthWestern Energy, formerly NorthWestern Public Service, for approval of a contract with deviations to serve the central heating plant of South Dakota State University (SDSU). The application states the contract is necessary in order to avoid bypass of NorthWestern Energy by SDSU constructing its own pipeline. The contract would offer transportation service and result in retention of revenues for NorthWestern Energy at a reduced amount.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 07/29/02
Intervention Deadline: 08/16/02

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**TC02-096 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Agreement for Terms and
Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary
Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest
Corporation and Centel Communications, Inc.**

On July 25, 2002, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and

Resale of Telecommunications Services Provided by Qwest Corporation to Centel Communications, Inc. (Centel). According to the parties, the Agreement is a negotiated agreement and is made in order to set forth the terms, conditions, and prices under which Qwest will provide services for resale to Centel for the provision of local exchange services. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than August 14, 2002. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Rolayne Ailts Wiest

Date Docketed: 07/25/02

Initial Comments Due: 08/14/02

TC02-097 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff.

On July 29, 2002, Qwest Corporation filed revised Access Service Tariff pages to remove the Equal Access and Network Reconfiguration Recovery Charge. Qwest Corporation ceased collection of these revenues effective July 23, 2002.

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best

Date Docketed: 7/29/02

Intervention Deadline: N/A

TC02-098 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff.

On July 29, 2002, Qwest filed a revision to its Access Services Tariff. The purpose of the filing is to add USOCs to various existing transport rate elements. The USOCs are being added to bring USOCs in the state access tariff in alignment with those in the FCC Tariff #1.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Date Docketed: 07/29/02

Intervention Deadline: 08/16/02

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)	CONTRACT WITH
OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH)	DEVIATIONS
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY)	NG02-004

On July 29, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by NorthWestern Energy (NWE) requesting approval of its 6th Revised Sheet No. 1 of Section 4 of NWE's' filed Natural Gas Tariff. The revised schedule lists an additional Contract with Deviations pursuant to which NWE proposes to provide natural gas service to South Dakota State University for its central heating plant. The negotiated delivery service rate recovers related cost of service and represents a net benefit to NWE's system and its customer base. NWE requested the contract rates become effective with meter readings on and after September 1, 2002.

On September 5, 2002, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviations. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that NWE's request for approval of a Contract with Deviations is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that as of the date of this Order, the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariff is approved and is effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2002.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of September, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



JAMES A. BURG, Chairman



PAM NELSON, Commissioner



ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner